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### Subj: UPDATED PROCEDURES FOR RESERVE FUNERAL DUTY PAY AND POINTS

Ref: (a) E-Mail ALPERSRU D/00 dtd 31 Jan 2000

- **(b) ALCOAST 244/99**
- (c) Reserve Policy Manual, COMDTINST M1001.28, Sections 2.B.2.a.(1) and 8.C.9.d
- (d) Source Data Automation II User Manual, HRSICINST M5231.2, Page 2-B-30, IDT Drill (R985)

### Introduction

This E-mail ALPERSRU publishes updated procedures for payment and retirement point credit to reservists performing funeral duty.

# Directives Affected

Reference (a), which provided interim procedures for reserve funeral duty pay and points, is hereby canceled.

### **Discussion**

As described in reference (b), ready reserve members performing at least two hours of duty in support of military funerals on or after 1 January 2000 are entitled to one retirement point and a \$50 stipend for each day funeral duty is performed.

- The \$50 funeral duty allowance is taxable for federal and state income tax purposes.
- Retirement points earned via funeral honors duty are not subject to the IDT point caps in reference (c).

# Funeral Duty and IDT or ADT

Funeral duty may not be performed as part of Active Duty For Training (ADT) or on Inactive Duty Drills (IDT).

• A single drill may be scheduled the same day as funeral duty, but must be completed prior to or commenced after funeral duty is performed.

Note: There is no entitlement to rations when a single drill and funeral duty are performed on the same day. Rations are only payable for periods of inactive duty of least 8 hours in a calendar day. Since only a single drill is authorized when funeral duty is paid, the inactive duty period would only be 4 hours duration and does not meet the requirements for entitlement to rations.

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### Action

PERSRUs shall submit an IDT Drill (R985) transaction to report pay and retirement points earned for funeral duty. Detailed instructions for the R985 can be found in reference (d). Use the following Duty Type Codes:

Code	Meaning
G	Funeral Duty Only
Н	Funeral Duty and Regular Drill
J	Funeral Duty and Regular Drill Without Pay

# Travel Allowances

All training and travel associated with military funerals can be credited towards the duty period. Reservists performing funeral duty greater than 50 miles from their residence will be reimbursed for travel and transportation expenses.

- Entitlement to travel and transportation allowances shall be substantiated by orders issued by the cognizant Integrated Support Command (fot).
- Funding for travel will be under AFC-30, **not** AFC-90.

## Questions

Questions concerning the \$50.00 funeral duty allowance and retirement point can be directed to the HRSIC Military Accounts Support Customer Service Team at 785-357-3540.

Questions concerning travel allowances associated with funeral honors duty can be directed to the HRSIC Travel Claims Assistance Team at (785) 295-2250 if calling from Coast Guard work phone or 1-888-USCG-TVL if calling from home.

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